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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Pascal Canfin**  
(PE699.302v01-00)

2020 discharge - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control  
(2021/2124(DEC))



**Amendment 1**  
**Monika Beňová**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Alexandr Vondra**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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*response to COVID-19 became its principal activity; notes, moreover, that the Centre started operating at Public Health Event (PHE) level 2, acute phase on 31 January 2020 and continued to operate in this phase for the remainder of the year;*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Alexandr Vondra**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 a. Notes that the Centre gave assistance to Member States and the Commission with laboratory-related support and expanded testing, strengthening Member States' preparedness through the establishment of operational indicators and support in the assessment of health services surge capacity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Alexandr Vondra**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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*rapid risk assessments increased by 1086 percent when compared with 2019 figures;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Highlights the **24** COVID-19 *related* risk assessments carried out *by the Centre, the 159 COVID-19* formal scientific requests from the Commission and Members of the European Parliament, *and* the more than 100 formal scientific requests from Member States;

*Amendment*

2. Highlights the *significant volume of outputs produced in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic: in relation to which 24* risk assessments *were* carried out *and 159* formal scientific requests from the Commission and Members of the European Parliament, *as well as* the more than 100 formal scientific requests from Member States, *were handled*;

Or. cs

**Amendment 6**  
**Michèle Rivasi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

**6 a.** *Welcomes the proposal to extend the Centre's mandate but expresses concern that the addition of new tasks and its increasing workload has not been accompanied by sufficient corresponding increases in the Centre's staff and resources, and that such a shortage of staff puts the continuity of its operations under significant pressure and threatens the quality of the Centre's work;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Michèle Rivasi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Welcomes the improvement in the percentage of management board members, advisory forum members and their alternates submitting the required annual declarations of interest in 2020 compared to the figures for 2019; calls on the Centre to ensure that *this* level of compliance is maintained;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the improvement in the percentage of management board members, advisory forum members and their alternates submitting the required annual declarations of interest in 2020 compared to the figures for 2019; calls on the Centre to ensure that ***appropriate experts are engaged in the Centre's work and that a high level of compliance with conflict of interest rules*** is maintained;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Michèle Rivasi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9 a. Stresses the need for the Centre to ensure full transparency in publishing scientific studies and in enhancing its external communications capacity towards the general public, ensuring that all key information related to public health emergencies is available in all Union languages and easily accessible to Union citizens;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to expand the Centre's remit in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; expresses its belief that a rapid, effective, informed and coordinated response across Member States is essential, both to deal with the current situation and to address possible future threats;**

Or. cs

**Amendment 10**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 b. Highlights the fact that growing antimicrobial resistance still poses a threat to public health, despite the fact that overall EU consumption of antimicrobials has continued to decline; welcomes the Centre's continued activity in this area;**

Or. cs

**Amendment 11**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 c. Is convinced that the Centre's work in providing timely, accurate, science-based information to legislators,**

*health professionals and the general public is essential for dealing with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other potential health threats; welcomes the Centre's sharing of information with various media in this regard;*

Or. cs

**Amendment 12**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*9 d. Acknowledges the reasons for the cancellation or postponement of 35% of the Centre's planned outputs in 2020, while highlighting the fact that the Centre achieved a 90% success rate in meeting the work programme output plan adopted additionally in May 2020; thanks its staff for their dedicated work in difficult circumstances;*

Or. cs